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SUBJECT: TIMING OF FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT

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1. VICTOR CUNHA REGO GAVE EMOFF THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULE FOR FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT:
-- JULY 23: MARIO SOARES WILL BE SWORN IN TOGETHER
WITH MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ALL MINISTERS
AND A NUMBER OF SECRETARIES OF STATE. THIS WILL INITIATE
TEN-DAY PERIOD PRESCRIBED BY CONSTITUTION FOR PRESENTATION
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OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

--JULY 31: SOARES WILL PRESENT GOVERNMENT PORGRAM
TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. THIS WILL INITIATE FIVE-DAY
PERIOD FOR REJECTION OF PROGRAM BY ASSEMBLY.

-- AUGUST 6: WITH EXPIRATION OF FIVE-DAY PERIOD WITHOUT
LEGISLATIVE REJECTION OF CABINET AND PROGRAM, GOVT. WILL
WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CONSIDERED TO BE DEFINITELY INSTALLED.

2. COMMENT: FAILURE OF CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY
DETAILS OF TIMING OF STEPS OUTLINED ABOVE HAS LED
TO CONSIDERABLE. CONFUSION. A CONSENSUS NOW APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN REACHED ON THE TIMING OUTLINED ABOVE.
THE EARLIER-THAN-ANTICIPATED SWEARING IN OF THE NEW
GOVERNMENT IS WELCOME NEWS. IT WILL END SPECULATION
ABOUT WHO'S IN CHARGE DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD
BETWEEN THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT AND SOARES'S NEW TEAM.
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